

D-1. Overview

Space has been set aside on the RAX for the archiving of a variety of flat files in addition to the RFC Archive Database that resides in the Postgres RDMBS. Many of these flat files are required to be archived by an RFC (see section A-3), but the space can also be used to store files that fulfill local needs.

As part of the original design of the RAX, a directory structure was designed for handling the storage of these files. The main structure for the flat file archive consists of four levels, these are:

- Year
- Flat File Category
- Product Type
- Month

In most cases files are located in the “Month” directory, but in some cases there are additional directory levels below month, such as day and hour. A set of detailed charts of the flat file directory structure can be found in the next section.

The flat file directory is flexible enough to allow for approved changes (i.e. new Flat File Categories and new product types) as new archiving requirements come along.